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Out At Work

By Kelly Anderson, Tami Gold.

In 1991 Cheryl Summerville, a cook in a suburban Atlanta restaurant, received a termination paper stating that she was fired for "failing to demonstrate normal heterosexual values." She was shocked to discover that in 47 American states it was legal to fire workers simply for being homosexual. Out at Work chronicles the dramatic stories of three gay workers over the course of five years, following them at home, at work and through their collective fight to secure workplace safety, job security and employee benefits for gay and lesbian workers.

Deaf Heaven

By Steve Levitt.

Steve Levitt's Deaf Heaven is about AIDS, angels, faith and the Holocaust; it's also an accomplished and affecting drama about a young man tending to his dying lover—the comparison yet between the AIDS pandemic and the Holocaust. A man who is losing his lover to AIDS encounters a Jewish Holocaust survivor in a sauna at his health club. The survivor senses the man's sadness; after the young man shares his impending loss, the survivor shares what it means to lose someone within a historical context and what it means to be a witness to history.

Which Is Scary

By Paula Gauthier.

Which Is Scary is a documentation of seven individual stories of homophobia. It depicts, through different circumstances, the similar feelings of personal and social alienation experienced by each storyteller. The film is often simultaneously humorous, shocking and painful. It is a lesson on the cause and ffect of homophobia and violence in a heterosexist culture.

Pride Week Events

Monday June 15th

Enigma Player benefit for PRIDE of the Lehigh Valley.
3 Short Plays:
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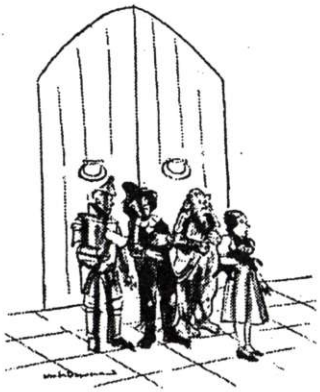
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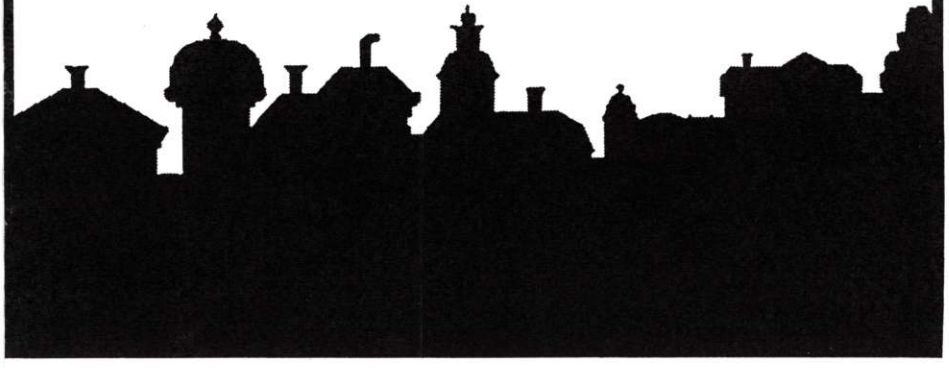
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Warm greetings to everyone taking part in the 1998 Gay and Lesbian Pride Celebration.

As Americans, we can be proud of our diversity. Striving together, people of different ethnicities, backgrounds, races, beliefs, and sexual orientation have contributed to the success of our nation, reflecting the profound truth that this rich diversity is one of our greatest strengths. But we must face the reality that sometimes our differences divide us; sometimes the voices of hatred and prejudice drown out the harmony in our national life. Events like the Pride Celebration help us to recognize anew that working in a spirit of community is not a hope but a necessity, and that our individual dreams can only be realized by our shared efforts.

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I commend each of you for your dedication to working for an America that celebrates our diversity, builds on our strengths, and fulfills our fundamental values of mutual respect and compassion. Working together, I am confident that we can enter the 21st century as One America.

Best wishes for a wonderful celebration.

Bill Clinton

PRIDE of the Lehigh Valley '98

PRIDE of the Lehigh Valley was organized in January of 1993 to promote the 1993 March on Washington. We distributed information on the March and sponsored busses to the March from the Lehigh Valley. When people returned from the March, filled with excitement and enthusiasm, we all decided the Lehigh Valley needs a special event for our Gay and Lesbian community and so the Pride Festival was born.

Our official name is: PRIDE OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY: LESBIANS, GAYS AND BISEXUALS TOGETHER, Inc. PRIDE is an incorporated organization in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. PRIDE is comprised of a general membership and an executive board of 6 people. General membership meetings are monthly. Membership is open to anyone. PRIDE of the Lehigh Valley is a member of "The International Association of Pride Festival Organizers."

Here is a portion of PRIDE's Mission Statement: The purpose of PRIDE of the Lehigh Valley shall be the advancement of gay, lesbian and bisexual rights and pride through community outreach. The purpose is to be achieved through an annual PRIDE FESTIVAL and other events and activities.

If you would like more information on PRIDE of the Lehigh Valley, simply contact any PRIDE member or attend our general membership meetings. You may also call the PRIDE INFOLINE AT (610) 770-6200.

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WELCOME!

5 Years and Going Strong!

It's a milestone year for the Gay and Lesbian community in the Lehigh Valley. This is the fifth year in a row we've gathered in Cedar Beach Park to celebrate our culture, diversity and pride. The first festival, on Sunday, June 5, 1994, made Lehigh Valley history. It was the first time a Pride Festival had ever taken place in the Valley. We've been making history ever since with a festival that has gotten bigger and better each year. Looking back over the past five years we've seen a festival that has gone from a handful of vendors and just over a thousand people in attendance to a day packed full with dozens of merchants, service organizations, games, entertainment and of course you—the gay and lesbian community. In fact YOU are the real measure of success. The gay and lesbian community has enthusiastically shown its support of the festival. Last year's attendance topped 4,000!

There have been many special moments in the five years that the Pride Festival has been a part of the Lehigh Valley but perhaps one of the most special was receiving a proclamation from the City of Allentown and the County of Lehigh proclaiming it Gay and Lesbian Pride Day last year. It certainly was exciting to see the rainbow flag flying proud above City Hall!

Once again we have a day of entertainment lined up for you. So enjoy the day but most of all CELEBRATE! Today is OUR day. The Board of Pride of the Lehigh Valley invites you to celebrate the wonderful diversity we proudly embrace in the gay and lesbian community.

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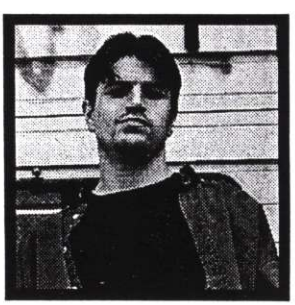
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RHYME & REASON



Rhyme & Reason is the collaboration of singers, songwriters, and instrumentalists Carol Regan of Summit Hill and Trixie of Tamaqua. The duo has performed in various parts of Pennsylvania in the past, and has resumed performing after a two year hiatus devoted to their solo endeavors. The duo performs a wide array of cover tunes from the 60's through 90's, as well as original songs. A typical Rhyme & Reason showincorporates a mixture of acoustic and electric guitars, keyboard, mandolin, and exquisite vocal harmonies.

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JOHN McNEILL

John is no stranger to the Lehigh Valley PRIDE Festival stage, he has performed here before with his alternative power pop band The Bootlickers. Although the band has taken the summer off John will continue to tour and is busy writing new material for the bands new CD to be released this fall. The new album will be produced by Island Records recording artist, Daniel Cartier. In addition to the Lehigh Valley, John and The Bootlickers have thrilled audiences at both the Philadelphia and Delaware PRIDE Festivals, as well as other venues through the East. Welcome back to our stage, John!



JEFF KRASSNER

When Jeff takes the stage be prepared to be truly entertained. His high energy yet soulful style will make this a day to remember. Jeff began his career as a featured performer at Catch-A-Rising-Star and The Improv, opening for Robin Williams and Jerry Seinfeld. He has performed with Melissa Etheridge and k.d. lang. His latest release with Identity Records, *Strong for You* landed Jeff on the Grammy Nominee Ballot five times. He's performed at the opening of the Olympic Games in Atlanta and the closing ceremonies of the Gay Games in New York City. It is with great Pride that we welcome Jeff Krassner to this year's festival.

THE FOUR TUNES



This quartet of the Lehigh Valley Gay Men's Chorus was formed 2 years ago, and consists of: Harley Brown, Rob Haley, Jim Hummell and Christopher Miller. The group performs a wide range of musical styles from barber shop to jazz, from love songs to gospel. PRIDE of the Lehigh Valley supports the work of the Lehigh Valley Gay Mens Chorus and the Four Tunes and salutes the accomplishments and contributions they have made to the choral arts, and the Gay and Lesbian community!

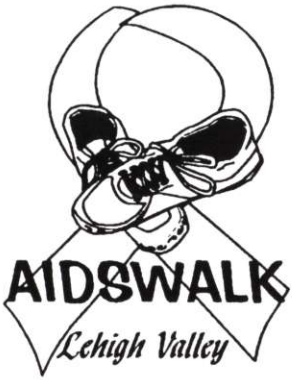


SHERYL SKYE

Whether solo or with her band, singer/songwriter Sheryl Skye is all about heart. No matter what you call it...folk-rock, coffeehouse-pop... Sheryl's sound is addictive, showcasing strong vocals and a mature writing style. Skye's folk-n-roll ranges from the whimsical 'Still' to the imagery- laden 'Rolling Coin". Whether in intimate venues or in front of larger audiences, Sheryl's passionate performance is what gives her music the vibrancy that listeners are drawn to.

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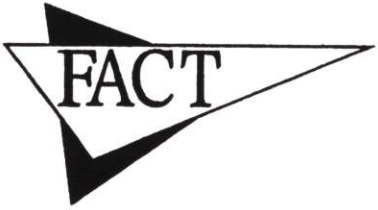


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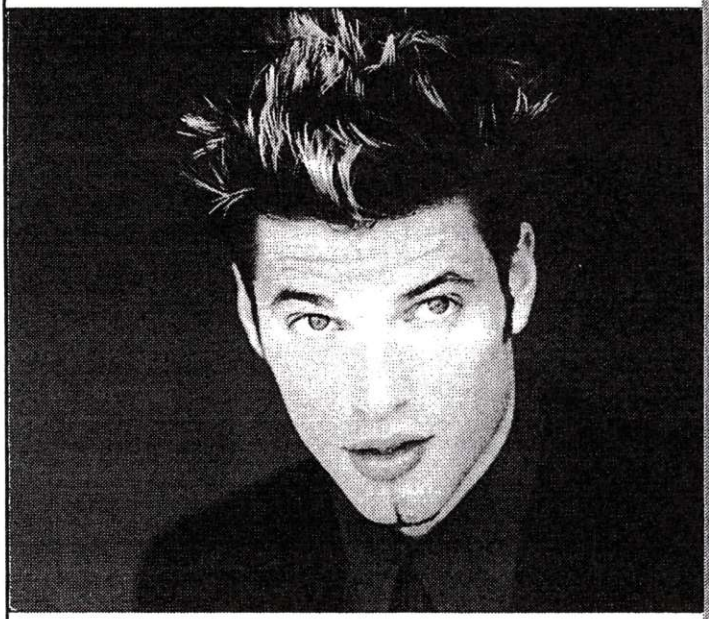
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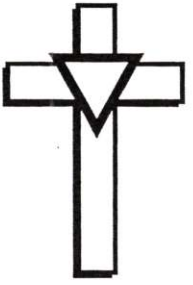
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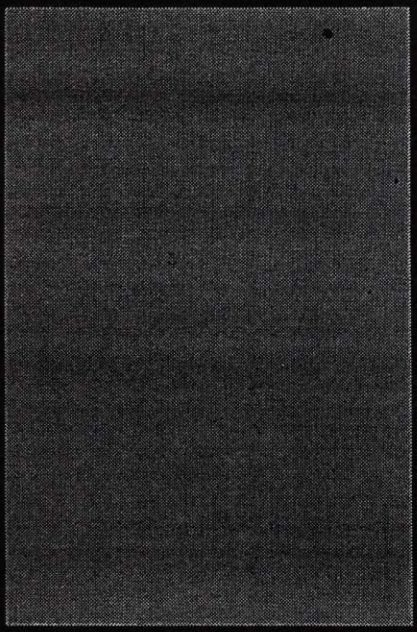
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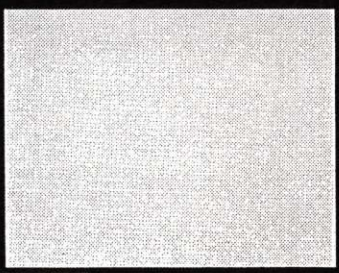
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